

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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Public Notice No. R3-2008-0047

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF
CLEAN WATER ACT VIOLATIONS**

For

**WESTERN FARM SERVICE, INC.
PESTICIDE AND FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTOR
SALINAS FACILITY,
Monterey County**

The Assistant Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Water Board), on behalf of the Water Board's Prosecution Team is noticing for public comment, pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 123.27, a settlement agreement between the Water Board Prosecution Team and Western Farm Service, Inc. On July 1, 2008, the Water Board Prosecution Team issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2008-0047 (Complaint) recommending a penalty for \$30,000 to resolve alleged violations of the Clean Water Act and the Water Board's *Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 00-30 for Western Farm Services, Inc., Salinas Facility, Salinas, Monterey County*. Western Farm Service spilled approximately 100 gallons of water polluted with pesticides and fertilizers to the Salinas Reclamation Canal, failed to properly report the incident, and did not operate its facility to prevent the waste discharge. Western Farm Service has waived its right to a Water Board public hearing, and has paid the recommended liability of \$30,000.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed settlement are invited to submit comments in writing to the Prosecution Team, attention Todd Stanley, at the above address no later than **September 19, 2008**.

The Water Board has delegated the resolution of this matter to its Executive Officer, and therefore will not conduct a formal hearing unless public comments warrant such consideration.

Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R3-2008-0047 is available at the Central Coast Water Board's website located at: www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast, by selecting "Public Notices." The Complaint and all comments received may be inspected at the offices of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please call Todd Stanley at (805) 542-4769.

Please bring the forgoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be

interested in this matter.